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Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services

Subject: **First day of issue, 6 October 2000: "World Heritage — Spain" Stamps and prestige booklets**

Commemorative stamps

1. On Friday, 6 October 2000, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps on the theme "World Heritage — Spain".

2. This is the sixth United Nations stamp issue to illustrate World Heritage sites. It is the fourth in a series of stamps and prestige booklets focusing on either one specific World Heritage site or a group of World Heritage sites in one geographical location. The issuance of these stamps coincides with a stamp show and exhibition "Espana 2000" to be held in Madrid.

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3. The stamps, in denominations of 33 cents, 60 cents, Sw F 1.00, Sw F 1.20, S 4.50/€ 0.33 and S 6.50/€ 0.47, were designed by Robert Stein (United Nations).

(United States equivalents — Sw F 1.00: $0.60; Sw F 1.20: $0.72; S 4.50/€ 0.33: $0.31 and S 6.50/€ 0.47: $0.44 subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)

Prestige booklets

4. Also on 6 October 2000, the United Nations Postal Administration will issue its fifth set of prestige booklets. The three booklets have a common design and each contains a total of 24 mint stamps in either United States, Swiss or Austrian denominations, based on the designs of the six commemorative stamps on the theme "World Heritage — Spain" in each booklet. The booklets are priced at $2.40, Sw F 3.60 and S 36.

(United States equivalents — Sw F 3.60: $2.16 and S 36: $2.45 subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)

General information

5. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first day covers on the UNPA official first day cachets **only**. Members of delegations and the staff can obtain these items on Friday, 6 October 2000, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building, from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) The counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby, from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

6. First day of issue cancellations can be obtained at a temporary United States Postal Service substation located outside the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

7. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at www.un.org/Depts/UNPA.